

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, September 29, 2005.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Petruccelli of Boston in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Gracious God, each day we try to serve You, our families and constituents in a thoughtful and conscientious manner. Many current legislative proposals and programs as well as new public policy issues are often complex and difficult to resolve to the satisfaction of our diverse electorate. We pray for Your guidance in our desire to make the right, suitable and ethical choices which strengthen our communities and our society. Inspire us to comprehend, implement and live by Your guidelines for achieving personal happiness, peace of mind and happiness in our daily lives.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Petruccelli), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mr. Spellane of Worcester) recognizing the Trans Atlantic Leadership Exchange, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mrs. Harkins of Needham, for the committee on Rules, then reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Smizik of Brookline, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, that Joint Rule 7A be suspended on the following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Demetrius J. Atsalis relative to the retirement allowance of Louis Cataldo, a retired employee of the Barnstable County Sheriff's Office and retired chief of the police department of the town of Dennis; and

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Demetrius J. Atsalis relative to authorizing Barnstable County to establish an early retirement program for the sheriff's department of said county;

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Smizik of Brookline, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 7A then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Funds, processing.
Petition (accompanied by bill) of David M. Nangle relative to the processing of funds by financial institutions. To the committee on Financial Services.

Employees, injuries.
Petition (accompanied by bill) of John P. Fresolo relative to the privacy of public records concerning reports of injuries of employees of public agencies and authorities of the Commonwealth. To the committee on Housing.

Marion Dawicki, sick leave bank.
Petition (accompanied by bill) of Mark V. Falzone for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Marion Dawicki, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth. To the committee on the Judiciary.

National Guard, creditable service.
Petition (accompanied by bill) of Mark C. Montigny and others for legislation to grant creditable service for retirement purposes to public employees for service in the National Guard;

John Lavoie, sick leave bank.
Petition (accompanied by bill) of John P. Fresolo for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for John Lavoie, an employee of the Department of Correction; and

Maureen Quinney, sick leave bank.
Petition (accompanied by bill) of Michael A. Costello and Steven A. Baddour for legislation to authorize the Department of Revenue to establish a sick leave bank for Maureen Quinney, an employee of said department;

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Smizik of Brookline, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Recesses.

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At fourteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Smizik of Brookline (Mr. Petruccelli of Boston being in the Chair), the House recessed until half past one o'clock P.M.; and at that time the House was called to order with Mr. Petruccelli in the Chair.

The House thereupon took a further recess, on motion of Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth, until half past two o'clock; and at ten minutes before three o'clock the House was called to order with Mr. Petruccelli in the Chair.

Paper from the Senate.

Welfare reform.
The House Bill relative to welfare reform (House, No. 4378) came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with amendments striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2217; and inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

"Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is forthwith to enact responsible welfare reform within the time required by federal law, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience."

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Rush of Boston, the amendments were considered forthwith.

The House then non-concurred with the Senate in its amendments; and, on motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop, asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches. Representatives DeLeo, Owens-Hicks of Boston and Lepper of Attleboro as the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be joined.

Subsequently the bill came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had insisted on its amendments, concurred in the appointment of a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and that Senators Tollman, Spilka and Knapik had been joined as the committee on the part of the Senate.

Recess.

Mr. Bosley of North Adams being in the Chair,— at two minutes after three o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth, the House recessed until four o'clock P.M.; and at that time the House was called to order with Mr. Petruccelli of Boston in the Chair.

Paper from the Senate.

The House Bill increasing penalties for drunk drivers in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4403) came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2219.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Hynes of Marshfield, the amendment was considered forthwith.

The House then non-concurred with the Senate in its amendment; and, on motion of Mr. O'Flaherty of Chelsea, asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches. Representatives O'Flaherty, Costello of Newburyport and Webster of Hanson we appointed as the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be joined.

Subsequently the bill came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had insisted on its amendment, concurred in the appointment of a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and that Senators Creedon, Baddour and Hedlund had been joined as the committee on the part of the Senate.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Rushing of Boston,—
Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At eight minutes after four o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Hynes of Marshfield (Mr. Petruccelli of Boston being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.